

REPRESENTATIVE DRIEHAUS ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDING FOR UNITED WAY

United Way and Partners to Receive Grant through New Serve America Act Initiative

WASHINGTON, DC—Representative Steve Driehaus today announced that United Way of Cincinnati, along with the Strive Partnership, INNOVATIONS, and the Institute for Nonprofit Capacity, have been awarded one of 11 grants nationwide through provisions of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. The organizations will receive \$2,000,000 over two years from the Corporation for National and Community Service under its Social Innovation Fund (SIF) program, which will target millions in public and private funds to grow effective solutions to persistent social challenges across more than 20 states.

"This is great news for the United Way, Strive, and their partners. These organizations are working to bring support and resources to children and families in our community's most underserved areas, and this award is a testament to the difference they are making," said Rep. Driehaus. "I was proud to cosponsor the legislation that created this new initiative, and I'm pleased that we're already seeing this effort have a positive impact in Cincinnati."

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, the United Way of Greater

Cincinnati, in collaboration with the Strive Partnership, will support a strong community-rooted effort dedicated to addressing the needs of low-income families in the urban core of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky from “cradle to career.” The grant will build on years of collaborative work to identify what children and youth in the area need to succeed, measure progress through an annual report card, elevate nonprofit performance through the use of new management tools, and replicate tested programs. In the first year, the initiative plans to work with 10 to 15 competitively selected nonprofit organizations. Priority strategies include early childhood education and home visitation, mentoring, service learning, arts education, dropout recovery, children's health, college access, and career pathways.

The SIF is a new initiative established under the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act aimed at three major areas that include economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development and school support. In its first year, the SIF portfolio comprises 11 organizations and nearly 60 collaborating partners selected through a rigorous review process led by 60 external experts. The grantees, which represent a diverse set of nonprofit organizations and private and community foundations, share a track record of success at identifying and growing high-performing nonprofit organizations and their proposals offer a set of compelling ideas for how to use innovation and evidence to tackle social challenges in a new way.

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